

WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETING

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

OCTOBER 28, 2008

The Weakley County Legislative Body met in a Special Called Meeting on October 28, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the County Commission Room at the Weakley County Courthouse. Chairman Dick Phebus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by County Mayor, Houston Patrick.

All members present gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough, called the Roll with 16 members present. Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Wright were absent at Roll Call but answered present shortly after the meeting started. Making a total of all 18 members present.

NEW BUSINESS:

The first item under the agenda was the acceptance of the resignation of Donald Doster as Weakley County Trustee, effective October 31, 2008. Mr. Doster filed a copy of his Letter with the County Clerk's Office and also forwarded copies to all County Commission Members. Chairman Phebus made a motion to accept Mr. Doster's resignation effective October 31, 2008 and Commissioner Farmer placed a second to the Motion. Discussion was called and a voice vote was taken. The ayes carried with none opposed. The resignation of Donald Doster as Weakley County Trustee was accepted.

The next item on the Agenda was to appoint an interim Weakley County Trustee, effective November 1, 2008.

Chairman Phebus commented that the Commission had received notification from three individuals, Marci Floyd, Patsy Mangum and Linda Pettit of their interest for the appointment.

Chairman Phebus called for nominations from the Floor. Commissioner Stewart made a Motion to nominate Marci Floyd, Commissioner Farmer made a Motion to nominate Linda Pettit, and Commissioner McAlpin made a Motion to nominate Patsy Mangum.

Chairman Phebus requested that the three individuals leave the room. Chairman Phebus then called, by alphabetical order each of the nominees into the Meeting to give a narrative of their qualifications, what they wanted to achieve in this position and why they felt they would be the best person for the appointment, while the other two candidates remained outside of the room.

Mrs. Marci Floyd was the first to speak, and she commented that this was not a rash decision; she has been working in the Weakley County Finance Department for eight and a half years. Her goal was to implement the trustee's office into the 21st Century by using technology that hasn't been used before in the Trustee's Office. She touched upon the numerous ways she hoped to accomplish these goals. She went on to say that she has a degree in Accounting, and had worked in the largest retail company in the world: and supervised nearly 100 employees and handled cash management for that office.

Chairman Phebus called for any questions from the Commission members. Commissioner Owen asked about any incentives for citizens to pay their property taxes early. Mrs. Floyd commented that this would be something that could be analyzed to determine if this would be best for Weakley County. Commissioner Stewart had questions concerning her written presentation of her qualifications and ideas for the office in reference to cross training. She went on to comment that she would like for everyone in the office to know every duty, so if something happened to an employee, one of the other individuals in the office could assume the duties of the person absent.

Chairman Phebus then called Mrs. Patsy Mangum to speak to the Commission. Mrs. Mangum commented that, as you may know, that she ran for this office in the last countywide election. She stated that she put forth a lot of hard work, a lot of hours, and a lot of money into running for this office. She asked that the Commission take this into consideration in making their decision. When asked if she knew what goes on in this office, she commented that no, she did not, but neither did Mr. Doster when he took office. She went on to say that she had been in banking 27 years and that this would be a real plus to have that kind of experience to carry over to the office of Trustee.

The final nominee to address the commission was Mrs. Linda Pettit, who works as first deputy in the Weakley County Trustee's Office. Mrs. Pettit commented that she has 18 years of experience in the trustee's office. She went on to say that prior to working in the Trustee's Office that she worked in an accountant's office. That her knowledge and experience qualified her for this position.

Commissioner Owen asked if she planned to run for this office in 2010. Mrs. Pettit stated that yes, if she was appointed, she would run at that time. Commissioner Owen then asked if there were any changes that she would make in the Office, or improvements. Mrs. Pettit commented that there had been several improvements made under the current trustee, but that at this time she did not have a list of change or improvements.

Commissioner Stewart then asked if Mrs. Pettit had a degree in accounting. Mrs. Pettit commented that she has experience, but not a degree.

Commissioner Medling commented that the County was fortunate to have these three women to choose from, and that the County could not go wrong with any one of these ladies.

Chairman Phebus commented that the appointment would require a majority of 10 votes to be appointed.

At this time the County Clerk, Pat Scarbrough called the Roll, and each Commission member stated which nominee he or she cast his or her vote for. The Roll call resulted in 10 for Floyd, and 8 for Pettit. County Clerk Scarbrough then asked if anyone wanted to change his or her vote, and Commissioner McAlpin changed his from Pettit to Mangum and Commissioner Buckley changed his vote from Pettit to Floyd. This made a total final vote of 11 for Floyd, 1 for Mangum and 6 for Pettit. Chairman Phebus called for the nominees to return to the room and he informed Mrs. Floyd that she had received the majority of the vote and was appointed interim trustee.

Mrs. Floyd thanked the Commission for their support and commented that she would do her best for the County.

In other announcements Chairman Phebus mentioned that Weakley County celebrated its 185th birthday, October 21, and that cake and punch would be served following the meeting.

Weakley County Mayor, Houston Patrick stated that in the spring there would be a celebration for the 60th anniversary of the building.

Commissioner Westbrook made a Motion to adjourn and Commissioner Wright placed a second to the Motion. A voice vote was taken and the Special Called Meeting of the Weakley County Legislative Body stood adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Pat Scarbrough, Weakley County Clerk